

CONRAD AND MAGDALENA
MURRI ABEGGLEN

Daughter of Christian Murri, Sr., and Magdalena Valsiger, born 1866 in Switzerland. Married Conrad Abegglen, Jr.

She came to Midway from Switzerland at 10 years of age in the year 1876. She lived with her uncle John Murri until her

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parents immigrated three and one-half years later.

Six children were born to Conrad and Magdalena while they lived in Midway. Conrad played the accordion very well. He was a miner. In 1896 they moved by wagon to St. Anthony, Idaho. They had ten more children making 16 in all. They were successful truck gardeners. Mr. Abegglen died early in life but Mrs. Abegglen lived to be 87 years old.

After she was 60 she traveled to Canada to visit the LDS Temple in Cardston, Alberta. Pres. Wood gave her a blessing and promised her that she would live to see a new chapel in her ward. At the time no thought had been given about a new chapel, but the prophecy was fulfilled and Mrs. Abegglen was the first person to have funeral services in the new building.

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BESENDORFER



John Leonhardt Besendorfer, son of George Leonhardt Besendorfer and Walburga Glosb-singer Besendorfer. Born August 3, 1858, Burglein, Bavaria, Germany. Married Magdalena Bauer, March 12, 1894. Died January 29, 1914, Midway.

Magdalena Bauer, daughter of John George Bauer and Barbara Wedel Schwarz. Born June 11, 1867, in Altmoshof, Nurnberg, Bavaria, Germany. Died February 26, 1953, Salt Lake City, Utah, buried in Midway. John Besendorfer joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Germany in 1892 and came the next year to America, settling in Midway, where he developed a farm.

Magdalena came with her parents to America in 1887, and was employed in Provo by the noted singer Emma Lucy Gates. She was married to John in Midway in 1894 and on April 6, 1897, their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple.

During 1910 and 1912 John was called by the Church to fill a mission in Germany. He died just two years after returning from the mission.

After her husband's death Magdalena turned their farm over to the oldest son, Andrew, and moved to Salt Lake City with her other children where she was very active in Relief Society and temple work.

Children of John Leonhardt Besendorfer and Magdalena Bauer Besendorfer:
Andrew Besendorfer, married Nellie Casper

FREDERICK SCHOTT AND HARRIET PHOEBE BIBBY CONRAD

Frederick Schott Conrad was born to Joshua and Eve Rodfong Conrad at Seneca County, New York, January 18, 1818—the birthplace of the Mormon Church. During his youth he moved westward through Pennsylvania and Michigan, locating for a few years near Detroit. While a youth, he played mumblepeg with the Prophet Joseph Smith.

While busying himself in agriculture during his sojourn in Michigan, he became interested in the stories about California's gold. So he joined in the gold rush to California



in 1848, but did not reach his destination and settled at Provo.

Harriet Phoebe Bibby Conrad was born in London, England, April 5, 1847, to George and Ann Bubb Bibby. Her father died when she was a young girl. In 1862 she, with her mother and brother George, emigrated to the United States on the John Boyd sailing vessel, being six weeks on the ocean. They then crossed the plains to Utah by independent train, under Captain Whereham, settling in Provo that same year. Her brother, George, drove the ox team most of the way. Her mother, Ann, was a straw hat maker for men, women, and children. She would gather the straw, soak it, put it through a press, hand sew and shape it over the molds to the desired shape and style. She made hats for Queen Victoria and her family. Ann's sister was a tutor for the queen's family.

It was at Provo where Frederick S. Conrad met Harriet P. Bibby and they were married in Salt Lake City, July 14, 1871. They then moved to Heber. Mr. Conrad, besides being a farmer, was a cooper by trade. He made numerous articles from wood, such as tubs, barrels, etc., by cutting trees in the canyon and cutting them into desired lengths, which he would split into pieces and shave to fit for making desired products. All this work was done by hand. He made many staves and bottoms for wooden tubs—which was the kind used in those days—for residents of town. He also split and shaved the shingles for the house now occupied by Josie Todd.

He took a great pride in raising a good garden. Among some of his products were strawberries, which he sold at from 8 to 10 cents a quart. Their home was a home of love and hospitality. Often fruit peddlers from Provo would make this home their

headquarters while disposing of their produce and they were always welcome, free of charge.

To this couple were born six children, besides one by Harriet's former marriage. Two were still living in February, 1958.

Frederick S. Conrad died July 31, 1902, and Harriet P. Conrad died September 22, 1938, at the age of 91, after being bedfast for six years, brought on by a broken ankle. She was always very patient and independent throughout her life and during all those years as an invalid she was very patient.

Their children are: Henrietta McAfee, Eva Desmond; Joshua Frederick, married to Alotta Brown; Edwin Schott, unmarried; Mary Ann Blaine; George Francis (Frank), married to Emily Barzee, and Marriet Rosetta, Childs.

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GEORGE A. AND LUCY SMITH WHITTAKER DAVIS

George A. Davis, son of Albert Wesley Davis and Melissa Jane Lambson, born July 7, 1877, in Salt Lake City. Died November 28, 1939.

Lucy Smith Whittaker, daughter of David Moroni Whittaker and Mary Ann Smith, born January 5, 1885, in Salt Lake City. Died February 6, 1927.

Their early youth was spent in Salt Lake City. They attended schools there. He also attended the LDS College.

Having worked in the Church, on March 15, 1899 George was ordained an Elder, in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by Joseph F. Smith, and on December 10, 1899, he left for a mission to the Hawaiian Islands. While out on this work, the City of Honolulu was quarantined for Bubonic Plague, and he was called to go on guard line to guard the city to see that no one left. He was appointed a special police officer for three months and ten days until the close of the quarantine. From this work he was called back to mission headquarters, and given other duties. He was appointed over-seer of the Laie Plantation from April 15, 1901, to April 6, 1903, when he was released and appointed to preside over the Hilo, Hamakua, and Kohala conferences until August 14, 1903. He was released from his mission and returned home September 11, 1903.

On January 27, 1904, he was called to the Stake Mission for the Salt Lake Stake, and was set apart to this work by Joseph E. Taylor.

Upon arriving home from his mission he worked on the farm owned by his father. He started going with Lucy Smith Whittaker

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and they were married February 4, 1904, in the Salt Lake Temple. He continued in the farming, and they were both active in Church work.

The Davis family moved to Midway, May 6, 1916, purchasing the Maria Schoney Mitchell home in Stringtown where they lived until the death of their oldest son, George, in 1924. At that time they returned to Salt Lake.

George was active in civic and church affairs. He had a fine herd of Jersey dairy cows, and sold milk and cream to the Mutual Creamery Company. He was a director and president of the Citizen's Mercantile Co., a member of the Midway Town Board, a member of the Amusement Board of Midway and a member of the Genealogical Society of Midway.

In Church affairs he was a teacher and chorister of the Midway Second Ward and then served as second counselor to Bishop Jacob Probst in the Second Ward. He was also a leader in the High Priests group and the parent teacher in the Sunday School. He sang and preached at many funerals.

Mrs. Davis worked in the Primary, the Relief Society and the MIA of the Second Ward, and was known as a gentle, patient, sympathetic woman. Though she was partially blind she never complained, and always had a cheerful smile for everyone. She was particularly noted for her flower gardens.

Children of George and Lucy Davis included:

David Moroni, married Coralyn Adamson and had three daughters;

Willard Wendell, married Allanson B. McKean and had three sons.

Lucile Davis, married to Charles Frank Parker, two children;

Albert Fielding Davis, married Fay Hepworth, had one child;

Nina Mary Davis, married to Ray Fred Kohler, had two children.

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Flower Garden

PATRIARCH THOMAS HICKEN AND WIVES



Patriarch Thomas Hicken was the only child of Thomas Hicken, of Woodhouse, Leicestershire, England, and his wife, Ann Ward. He was born June 15, 1826, at Burton-on-the-Wolds, Leicestershire, England. His father was a Grenadier soldier in the British army about 20 years; fought in the Battle of Waterloo, and was awarded a silver and also a gold medal for meritorious service. These medals are still in the possession of members of the family in America. He also received a pension for his services in the British army.

When Thomas, Jr., was four, his mother died, and he lived with his father's sister Elizabeth, who was married to Robert Cumberland. They had no children. His opportunities to attend school were scarce, but he learned the stocking weaving trade early.

When about 19, he joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint, being baptized February 15, 1845, by Thomas Elfield. About this time, August, 1845, in the Whitwick Church, Leicestershire, England, he married Catherine Fewkes, daughter of Benjamin Fewkes and Culloden Ann Toon. Catherine was a stocking weaver, and though not strong, was an industrious woman and good housekeeper, very kind and affectionate in her disposition. She enjoyed

some of the gifts promised those who accept the gospel. She was a very good seamstress and taught her daughter. Together they made men's suits, dresses, hats and shoes. She died at Heber City on May 18, 1879, after an extended illness. She was mother of seven children.

In 1847, Thomas Hicken was ordained an Elder by Crandall Dunn and sustained as president of the Whitwick Branch of the LDS Church. He presided over this branch until January 1, 1851, when he emigrated to America.

He and his wife and three small children, Elizabeth, Orson, and Addison, crossed the Atlantic on the sailing vessel "Ellen," together with John Crook and Henry Chatwin. Due to an accident the ship put in at North Wales for repair where they remained 18 days. They finally arrived in New Orleans on March 17, 10 weeks after setting sail. By May 2 they had arrived at Council Bluffs. In the spring of 1852, Thomas and another man secured a yoke of oxen, two yoke of cows and a wagon to make the trip across the plains. They came with the Eli B. Kelsey company and made the trip without any serious trouble.

Thomas Hicken resided in Provo seven or eight years, where he built two houses. While here he was active in military affairs, and served in the Black Hawk War. He moved to Heber City in 1860, where he was ordained a High Priest by Elisha Everett, Sr. In 1863 he was called as a special missionary to Summit and Morgan counties to advocate the Word of Wisdom. He was a diligent Church worker and held many offices in ecclesiastical and civil affairs, among them being presiding teacher in Heber City for eight years, and first counselor in Wasatch Stake High Priests' Quorum.

In 1880 he was ordained a patriarch by Daniel H. Wells and John Henry Smith. His personal record noted that he had given 466 blessings.

He was a fluent preacher and an inspiration wherever he went. At various times, in fast meetings, he was given the gift of speaking in tongues. He also had the gift of healing through the power of the priesthood, and many he administered to were healed in this way. At one time a very miraculous healing took place. A dear

neighbor, Christie Giles, was badly afflicted with a very large goiter that covered her entire neck in front. One Sunday morning she was very sick with it and while Patriarch Hicken was out doing his morning chores he was strongly impressed to go to her home. Seeing her condition, he got another elder, Brother Duke, and they went to her home and administered to her and she improved almost immediately. That same day she was prayed for in priesthood meeting and soon after, the goiter was entirely gone. Aunt Christie Giles bore testimony of this healing many times.

All hours of the day or night he was called out to administer to the sick. He took great pains to teach and train his family in the principles of the gospel, was of a gentle and kind disposition, with always a comforting word for those in distress.

As a farmer he raised flax and with the help of his wife prepared it for spinning, and furnished thread for all the community and clothing for his children.

In 1862, as polygamy was being practiced, Thomas Hicken married Mrs. Jane Clotworthy, a widow with four children, and helped her raise her family. Her children had great respect for him and his first wife, and his children respected the Clotworthy family.



He also married Margaret Powell as a plural wife in 1865, and they had five children. She was born in 1847 at Tipton, Staffordshire, England, coming to Utah in 1864 with her parents on the ship "General McClelland." They crossed the plains in Captain Joseph Rollin's train, walking all the way and arriving in Heber City on October 4, 1864. She was an active Church worker of great faith and had a strong testimony of the gospel. She helped with the sick and those in distress, as well as caring for the

dead. For 12 years she was president of the Heber Second Ward Primary, and was an accomplished seamstress, making beautiful wedding dresses, hats and bonnets. She loved flowers and always raised a beautiful flower garden. She died June 18, 1925, in Salt Lake City, and was buried in Heber City Cemetery.

In February, 1915, Thomas Hicken fell, and injured his hip, contracted pneumonia and died March 2, 1915, at the age of 88. His posterity in 1954, as nearly as could be determined, numbered nearly 900 persons.

His children were as follows:

I. By Catherine Fewkes

1. Elizabeth.
2. Orson.
3. Addison.
4. Thomas.
5. Benjamin.
6. John Henry.
7. David William.

II. By Margaret Powell

1. Maria Catherine
2. Sarah Ann.
3. Rachel Emma.
4. Charles Willard.
5. Ruth.

Marie Howarth

HEBER CITY - Marie Jensen Locke Howarth, 84, died of cancer April 10, 1968, at Heber City hospital.

Born October 10, 1918 in Poo-sevelt to William Wallace and Mary DeLila Wilson Jensen. Married William Locke Howarth April 10, 1948.

Their marriage was solemnized in the Provo Temple. Enjoyed needlework, gardening, and homemaking.

Survivors: Husband of Heber City; Children: Mrs. Richard (Florence) Menden, Riverton, Wyo.; Mrs. William Lynn Jensen, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Martha (Betty) Lou Marchinkouski, Boise, Idaho; Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) March, Springville, Wyo.; Danny (Michelle) Price, Craig, Colorado; Bruce Locke, Colorado Springs; Hickory, Wyo.; David (Debra) Coon, both of Salt Lake City; Valerie Locke, Lincoln, Neb.; 21 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren. Survived by: Lynn Jensen, Stanley Jensen, Lynn Jensen and Mrs. Ivan (Arlton) Rogers, all of Roosevelt, George Jensen, Idaho.

Funeral services Saturday 1 p.m. Olden Mortuary, where friends may call Friday 7-9 p.m. and Saturday prior. Burial Heber City Cemetery.

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KOHLEK PROBST



Ernest Probst was born April 18, 1866 in Bern, Switzerland, the fifth child of Ulrich and Anna Barbara Keiner Probst. He married Emma Marie Kohler on February 13, 1895 in the Salt Lake Temple. He died in Midway July 1, 1936.

Emma Marie Kohler Probst was born November 18, 1871, at Bern, Switzerland. She died in Midway June 18, 1943.

With his parents, Ernest Probst emigrated to America in 1872, settling in Midway. Soon after they arrived they homesteaded

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the land in the mouth of Snake Creek Canyon.

His early boyhood experiences included herding cattle in Snake Creek Canyon and raising and selling vegetables, along with other farm products to miners at the Dutchman mine and other locations. He attended the normal schools of the time.

While still a youth, Ernest learned the responsibilities of caring for a family. His father was called on a mission to Switzerland, and while he was away, two of the older boys in the family contracted a crippling disease, probably polio. Ernest had to assume much of the family responsibility with his mother.

After his marriage Ernest lived all his life in Midway. He engaged in farming and stock raising, and also hauled milk for the People's Creamery and the Mutual Creamery. He remained true and faithful to the Church, and during the last few years of his life engaged in much temple work. At his funeral he was described as "A man without any guile."

Emma Kohler Probst came to America with her parents at the age of 14, and though she couldn't speak English, desired very much to learn the language and attend school. She entered the first grade at the Midway School and within a year had attained the level of students her own age.

During her early life she spent much time working at the Schnitter's Resort, then owned by people named Monk. She was a beautiful seamstress and did much sewing for townspeople. Two years before her marriage she was privileged to attend the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple.

She always desired that her children be well educated and founded in the Church. She was deeply spiritual and devoted much time to the Church. She was a Primary and Relief Society teacher for 30 years, and was an ardent student of the scriptures. Few could surpass her in scriptural knowledge.

She engaged in temple work with her husband, and after his death spent the last seven years of her life in temple work.

Children of Ernest and Emma Probst included:

Joseph E. Probst:
Emma, who died at the age of five;
Mrs. Joseph (Alice) Jorgenson;
Mrs. Harold (Grace) Ford;
May Probst;
Wilford, who died at six months;

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JOHN ULRICH AND SUSANNA GERTSCH PROBST

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John Ulrich Probst, son of Ulrich Probst Sr. and Anna Barbara Kriener, was born October 18, 1860 at Habstetten, Bern, Switzerland. He married Susanna Gertsch, December 18, 1891 in the Logan Temple. He died September 13, 1950 in Midway.

Susanna Gertsch Probst, a daughter of Conrad Gertsch Sr. and Margaretha or Margareta Gertsch (no relation) Gertsch, was born August 26, 1874 at Wetzten, Bern, Switzerland.



John Probst came to Midway July 4, 1872 with his parents. They built a log house on a dirt road up the Snake Creek. His father, who consisted of three years in Switzerland some time in the old Midway School and those winters in the German field. He also spent three months at the William Vorarl Academy in Prussia.

He worked in the mountains digging a large tunnel and worked for two winters in Park City. For about two winter seasons he worked in the same place as a foreman. A boy cabin was built by John Probst and himself. In March and April they would take their yoke of oxen and wagons and haul the wood to the mines. He also spent part of one summer hauling saw logs from Caribou Canyon to the Mill race where the Snake Creek tunnel is now located. Bishop John Watkins operated the saw mill there.

By the spring of 1888 he accompanied his father to live near St. Anthony, Idaho. In the fall of 1891, he met Susanna Gertsch who had just emigrated to Midway from Switzerland. They were married December 18, 1891 at the Logan Temple. The following year he came to Switzerland on the 9th of April, 1895. He wrote the following from his first letter: "I sold two beef cows for \$10 each a young five-year old horse, weighing 1100 pounds for \$45.00, another for \$35.00. I received \$75.00 from Lundeen for getting him in on the Probst ditch. As told my wife and I had about \$400.00 for my horse and it took over \$100.00 to take me to my place of labor. All then that I had left was \$300.00."

At about the most interesting towns I visited while on my mission was Oberwangen. There I visited the old house we had once lived in where the gospel message had been brought to us by such men as Karl G. Maeser, Willard Richards. These are Bradi-

ley, John Huber and others. It was also the place where we had been baptized and had gone to school.

Also I visited relatives of my wife in the Berns Oberland. They were not surprised and happy to see me. It had been only four years since my wife had emigrated.

Farming and planting was the occupation of John Ulrich Probst. Each Friday he would deliver first produce, eggs and chickens to the house of Park City. They had a hog shed and kept a big flock of chickens. His wife churned butter. Thursday was a busy day, cleaning chickens, churning butter, gathering eggs and helping to prepare the hog. His wife was up at 3 a.m. on Friday preparing the breakfast, washing the hog root, and the women for his feed, while he harnessed the team. She also kept a hot meal waiting in the evenings upon his return, which was often at 11 or 12 p.m.

Susanna Gertsch Probst attended the schools of Switzerland. Her earliest recollection was of the Alps. She was a very good student and helped with the support of her family to go to school.

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The following children were all born in the family home:

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- David, married Vivienne Stevens;
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all of her life, has received many awards for her faithfulness and perfect attendance records. She was also a faithful Primary teacher for several years.

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Jeremiah Robey, son of Jeremiah Robey and Mary Ogden Robey. Born April 14, 1809 in Harrison County, West Virginia.

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Ruth Tucker was born June 26, 1816 at Shinston, West Virginia, a daughter of Jeremiah and Ruth Ashcroft Tucker. She died in Midway, January 17, 1892.

Jeremiah Robey's parents were among the wealthy, prominent people of Harrison County and had a large family of sturdy sons and daughters. His mother was a sister to Susan Ogden Bigler, the mother of the late Bathsheba Bigler Smith, and grandmother of Edna and Julieta Smith, widows of the late President Joseph F. Smith.

In his early manhood Mr. Robey learned the trade of carpenter and cabinetmaker. He went from one place to another where carpenters were needed, always demanding a good wage. His uncle, Mark Bigler and wife Susan, had become members of the Church and had moved to Nauvoo. Mrs. Robey had also been converted, but her husband had not, he was away in Indiana on a carpenter job. Mrs. Robey decided to go to Nauvoo. She took her three little children and joined the Biglers there. They wrote Mr. Robey that work was plentiful in Nauvoo, so he met his family there in 1841. His wife had been a member of the Church for three years, but as yet he had not been converted.

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While in Nauvoo he worked unceasingly on the Temple and was the one to hang the last door. He went through all the trials and persecutions of the saints at that time, but never faltered in his faith. He was very much grieved over the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum. After he left Nauvoo he went to Pisgah, where he remained for a time and then went to Council Bluffs and from there he joined the David Wood Company and came to Utah, arriving in Provo in August, 1852. While in Provo, he, in company with Edwin Bunnell, worked as a cabinet-maker and carpenter. He settled in Provo on the advice of his cousin, George A. Smith, who said there was need of carpenters and cabinetmakers in that place. In 1859, he came to Midway and was one of the early settlers of Provo Valley. After arriving here he devoted most of his time to farming, as his second son, Jeremiah A. Robey, had learned the trade of carpentry and could handle most of the work here.

On November 7, 1833, he married Ruth Tucker, by whom he had ten children. In 1876, he went on a mission to his old home in West Virginia and met most of his relatives, whom he had not seen since 1841.

He was one of the pioneer bee-raisers of this valley, and he set out some of the first fruit trees—apple, pear and plum. He raised currants, gooseberries, and strawberries for his own table and had success with celery.

For a number of years he was recorder for the Snake Creek Mining District, and he held the position of school trustee for over thirteen years. He was a quiet, unassuming man. He lived to see his fifth generation and had a picture taken with them. He was always an earnest advocate of the gospel, and loved to bear his testimony to its truthfulness. He impressed upon his family and friends the knowledge he knew that Joseph Smith was a prophet of God. After the death of his wife in 1892, he made his home with his youngest daughter, Matilda Springer, until his death.

After an illness of one week, at the age of 94 years and seven months, he passed away. In his latter days he did a great

deal of temple work for his ancestors, both in the Salt Lake and Manti Temples.

Ruth came to Utah with her husband and five children, and settled in Provo. She joined the Church in her native state, West Virginia, in 1838, having been converted by some missionaries who were laboring in that section.

When she left with her children to go to Nauvoo she had no idea she would not return again to her West Virginia home and her people, but she never did, and never saw any of them again. She moved to Midway with her husband and family in the spring of 1859.

She endured many of the trials and hardships incidental to pioneer life, but was always cheerful and contented.

She was hospitable and made every one welcome in her home; no one was turned away hungry from her door. She was a good hand in sickness and helped many who were suffering and in pain. She was always kind to little children and was loved and revered by her grandchildren. At the death of her daughter, Susan, she took her three little motherless girls and reared them to womanhood, caring for them as though they were her very own. The girls were: Sarah Jane Ross, who married Henry Alexander, Jr.; Susan Ross, who married William O'Neil; and Lavernia Virginia Ross, who married Hiram Gould, and later Fred Eder.

She was a sweet singer and used to sing the old-fashioned songs, and tell stories of her early days and experiences in crossing the plains and during the early Indian troubles. She loved to bear her testimony to the truthfulness of the Gospel, and that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the Lord. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. She died very suddenly while sitting in her chair on a Sunday morning at the age of 75 years and six months. She is buried in the Midway Cemetery.

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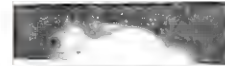
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JAMES D. SHANKS



James Dock Shanks was born November 29, 1833, at Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland. He came to Utah in September, 1853, crossing the plains with the Jacob Gates company, and settling in Salt Lake City. About the first job he obtained was helping build the wall around the temple block.

He was married December 21, 1855, to Isabella Muir, daughter of James and Mary Murray Muir, pioneers of 1853. Isabella was born August 15, 1837. Their children were Mary E. (Mrs. Gustave Waldberg), Isabella, James M., William, Marian (Mrs. William Doyle), Elizabeth (Mrs. William Fisher), John M., Margaret (Mrs. McEwan), Archibald (married to Lilly Duke), and George A.

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Southern California, where he received the degree of doctor of dental surgery in 1942.

It was during his last year of dental college that he met and married Florine Merrell of Phoenix, Arizona.

In 1943 he entered the U. S. navy as an assistant dental surgeon, with the rank of lieutenant, junior grade. After receiving indoctrination in the navy at the naval ship yard at Mare Island, California, he was sent to the Solomon Island area of war in the South Pacific, where he served until the end of the war as a dentist attached to Fleet Hospital 107.

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